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VALE MORNING SITUATION REPORT FOR:08-23-03

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	5	BAKER FIRE DANGER (352420-C)	M
REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	4	MALHEUR FIRE DANGER (353616)	V
VALE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	4	JORDAN FIRE DANGER (353612-A)	M

BAKER RA:

No new fires

MALHEUR RA:

Birch Creek Rim Fire - M737, T27S, R43E, sec. 20. Fire is just above Birch Creek burning in grass and sage. Fire was contained on 8/22. 750 acres.

Rooster Comb Fire - M738, T26S, R44E, sec 5. Fire is just above Leslie Gulch across the Owyhee River burning in sage and grass. Contained on 8/21 at 2000. Fire is about 1200 acres. Fire was called controlled on 8/22 at 1700

Star Mountain Fire - M739, T25S, R39E, sec 27. Fire is approximately 13 miles SE of Riverside. Contained on 8/20 at 1900 Controlled on 8/21 at 1607. 173 acres.

JORDAN RA:

No new fires

COMMENTS:

1 employee is on the Robert Fire as a EQMG.
1 employee is on the MDC Support order in MT as an EQPI.
1 employee is at Northern Rockies CC in Montana as an EDSD.
2 employees are in MT as an HECM and an HECM (T).
1 employee is on the Umpqua Support order in OR as an IADP (T).
1 employee is on the Falcon Berry Fire in ID as an ORDM.
1 employee is on the Hall Fire in ID as an HRSP (T).
1 employee is on the Twin Lakes Fire in MT as a RCDM.
1 employee is on Lewistown Severity as a IADP (T).
2 employee are at the Togo fire as EQPM (T).
1 employee is at the Togo fire in WA as a DIVS
1 employee is in MT at the Boles Meadow fire
3 employees are on the Lightning Crk fire with
1 employees Team.
1 employee is on BLM Severity in Prineville OR
1 employee and the Blue Mt. Team is on the Lightning Creek fire in OR.
E437 and E429 are aiding the Boise National Forest
1 employee is on MT Large fire support as an IARR
Vale IHC is at the Togo fire in WA.
3 SRV Crews are on MT Large Fire Support
1 SRV Crew on preposition @ Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest.
1 SRV Crew on Robert Fire in MT
2 SRV Crews on ABC Misc Fire in ID
1 SRV Crew on the Beaver Lake Fire in ID
1 SRV Camp Crew on the Mineral-Prim Fire in MT
2 SRV Crews on the Withington Fire in ID

WEATHER:

Vale Weather: Mostly Cloudy. Scattered rain shouers and thunderstorms with possible

heavy rain. Temp 70-80, Rh's 25-35%, Winds Ligh less than 10 mph, Haines 3(very Low), LAL 3.

Pendleton Weather: Cloudy. Showers and Thunderstorms likely. The rain may be heavy. Temps 79-83 Rh's 32-42%, Winds W 4-7. Haines 3 (Very Low), LAL 3

DEFINITIONS:

LAL (Lightning Activity Level): A numerical rating from the lowest of 1 to the highest of 6, keyed to the start of thunderstorms and the frequency and character of cloud-to-ground lightning forecasted or observed on a rating area during a rating period.

Haines Index: A national fire-weather index based on the stability and moisture content of the lower atmosphere and their direct relationship to the growth of large fires. The index is from 2-6 with 2 being the lowest potential for large fire growth while 6 is the highest large fire growth potential.